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Attached are the estimates of defense expenditures requested
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Defense Expenditures of Bloc Countries

The tables following give defense expenditures for each of the Bloc countries and these expenditures as a percent of total national budget expenditures. These percentages should be used cautiously in comparisons with non-socialized countries since the national budgets of the socialized countries contain large sums for industrial investment.

For China and the USSR, defense expenditures as a percent of GNP is also given. These are not available for any European Satellites. For the USSR, defense expenditures in dollars are given. These are not available for the other countries.

Since the reporting of defense expenditures by the Bloc countries is, in many cases, ambiguous, attention is called to the explanatory footnotes along with the tables.

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